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REMARKS

Applicant herein further amends the claims and asserts that the claims are allowable over Leslie and Leslie as modified by Sylvester for reasons of record.

That is, Sylvester does not disclose using a pivotal lever as now recited in independent claims 1 and 14. The reference only illustrates in Figure 1 that the arm 23 is adjacent to the roll 12 and the reference discloses at column 2, lines 60-70 that "the store arm 23 together with the guide pulleys...approaches the fixed guide pulleys..." The reference is silent regarding how the structural components are supported relative to one another as all of the components are drawn in a "floating" state. Accordingly, Sylvester cannot be relied upon for teaching a pivotal lever. It follows that the combination of Sylvester and Leslie does not provide a pivotal lever and does not render unpatentable a claim reciting a pivotal lever.

Furthermore, neither reference provides the strapping storage along the periphery of the strapping roll as now recited in independent claims 1 and 14. This is specifically enabled by the use of the lever arm as claimed.

Yet further, neither reference teaches one carrier roll 9, connected between the lever arms, comprises two rolls 10 as illustrated in Figure 2 and now recited in Claim 25.

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Accordingly, the references fail to teach the claimed invention so that the rejections have been overcome.

The USPTO is hereby authorized to charge any fee(s) or fee(s) deficiency or credit any excess payment to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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